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Docket No. 97078CIPDIV1**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Johnson et al.

Group Art Unit: 1714

Application No.: 09/752,227

Examiner: Shosho, C.

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.